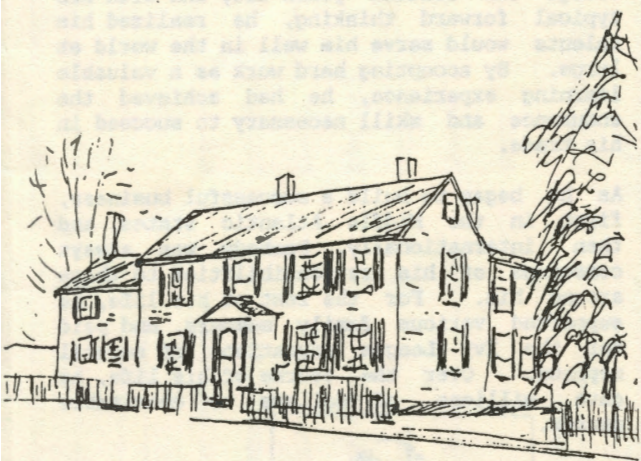


The
George Peabody
House
Civic Center

Welcomes...



...Volunteers!

Behold, I do not give lectures or a
little charity
When I give, I give myself.

Walt Whitman, Song of Myself
(1819-1892)

In 1795, George Peabody, the son of a shoemaker, was born in this Federal-style farmhouse at 205 Washington Street.

During his early years in Peabody (Danvers) characteristic traits developed that would mark his future actions and interests. At the age of eleven, working for his keep at Captain Proctor's general emporium, he learned to deal with all kinds of people, to keep exact accounts, to be disciplined and well-organized in his daily activities and to make the most of any given situation. This apprenticeship ended when George was fifteen years old, and with his typical forward thinking, he realized his talents would serve him well in the world at large. By accepting hard work as a valuable learning experience, he had achieved the endurance and skill necessary to succeed in his trade.

As he began to build a successful business, first in the Middle Atlantic states, and then internationally, Peabody was always conscious of his responsibilities to those around him. For the rest of his life, he supported various family members, and paid for the Ivy League educations of several nephews. Over the course of his life, he gave millions of dollars to charitable causes.

Education was his special interest, perhaps for the lack of it in his early years. His gifts founded the Peabody Institute libraries in Peabody and Danvers, the Peabody museums at Harvard and Yale, the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, and the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville.

We honor Peabody's lifetime of concern for his fellow man by dedicating his birthplace to the history of his hometown, and we hope that the people of Peabody, in the spirit of their honored native son, will consider volunteering at the George Peabody House Civic Center. Each person has something special to offer that will make this unique combination of a historic house and civic center an overwhelming success.

We plan to have innovative educational programs for school children, exciting cultural events, special exhibits, and lively civic meetings.

Please fill out the form on the back, and mail it to the George Peabody House Civic Center, or drop it off at your convenience. We are anxious to meet with you and have you share your interests and talents.



Volunteer Application Form

Please check the activities that you would like to be involved with.

Availability

_____ Tour guide

_____ Exhibit research and design

_____ Special Events

_____ Exhibit fabrication

_____ Education programs

_____ Clerical/Administrative

_____ Other (please specify)

_____ Monday

_____ Tuesday

_____ Wednesday

_____ Thursday

_____ Friday

_____ Saturday

_____ Sunday

_____ Name

_____ Address

_____ Phone:

Please mail to George Peabody House Civic Center, 205 Washington Street,
Peabody, MA 01960